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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR



By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:



First Lieutenant *Garry L. Miller*, , Infantry, Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, who was serving as a platoon leader on the night of 16 February 1969, in Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam, when his company ambushed a hostile force infiltrating from Cambodian sanctuaries. After contact with the enemy was broken, Lieutenant *Miller* led a reconnaissance patrol from their prepared positions through the early evening darkness and dense tropical growth to search the area for enemy casualties. As the group advanced they were suddenly attacked. Lieutenant *Miller* was seriously wounded, however the group fought back with telling effect on the hostile force. An enemy grenade was thrown into the midst of the friendly patrol group and all took cover except Lieutenant *Miller*, who in the dim light located the grenade and threw himself on it, absorbing the force of the explosion with his body. His action saved nearby members of his patrol from almost certain serious injury. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by this officer were an inspiration to his comrades and are in the highest traditions of the United States Army.



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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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